

REMARKS

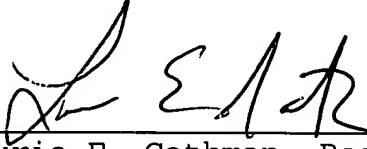
This amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 25, 2004 wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1,2,5,8-12,14 and 17-19, objected to claims 3, 4, 7, 13, 15, 16 and allowed claim 21. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 21. Entry of this Amendment and attached Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully requested.

The Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1,2,5,8-12,14,17-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending Application No. 09/734,823. The Examiner also objected to claims 3,4,6,7,13,15,16 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response to this rejection, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over a Pending Second Application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now allowable.

Entry of this Amendment reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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